

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

October 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period October 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M. TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM.
DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

October (10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25)

November (11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29)

December (12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27)

I. Kids and Family

News 4 October 2 – Grief counselors were available today at Magruder High School in Rockville because it's the first day of classes since students learned of the death of Eric Crumpler.

News 4 October 3 – A freshman student at a high school in Montgomery County has died after collapsing during a ROTC fitness test.

News 4 October 4 – Eric Crumpler, a former high school senior at Magruder High School was laid to rest after an emotional funeral.

News 4 October 11- Two children are in critical condition tonight after being hit by a car in New Carrollton, Maryland. The mother was also hit, but was not seriously injured.

News 4 October 12 – The Million Family March is planned on the Mall for Monday.

News 4 October 12 – Students remembered Gallaudet University student Eric Plunkett by gathering at Dupont Circle and asking for a safe, harassment-free, campuses for gay, lesbian, and BI-sexual, transgender and transsexual students.

News 4 October 19 – A teacher in Frederick County, Maryland is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old student.

News 4 November 1 – Police in Alexandria reported that a couple trick-or-treaters were robbed last night.

News 4 November 1 – A former teacher from Montgomery County pleaded guilty today to having sex with a student.

News 4 November 6 – Surgery to separate conjoined twins is underway in Great Britain. The 15-hour operation is taking place at St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester.

News 4 November 10 – A police officer from Vienna, Virginia spends much of her time at work teaching people about how to properly install child safety seats.

News 4 November 16 – The district government is taking new steps to protect its children. Today, the city launched a new home visitation program for newborns.

News 4 November 21 – Two high school juniors are recovering from burns after a flash fire at St. Alban's school in Northwest Washington this morning.

News 4 November 22 – Vice President Al Gore and his family gave something back to the Washington community today. They spent part of the day helping volunteers pack up food for families in our area.

News 4 November 23 – Food and Friends is a local group that helps people everyday of the year. Their work takes on even more meaning on Thanksgiving. The organization is preparing and delivering some 500 meals to people who are too sick to cook for themselves.

News 4 November 30 – Fire at Dogwood Elementary is sparking new questions about fire safety in schools.

News 4 December 5 – The University of Maryland is taking steps to honor its graduate, Jim Henson. The university has decided to build a statue of Muppets on the College Park campus.

News 4 December 5 – The National Zoo is getting ready for the arrival of two giant pandas from China.

News4 December 6 – the District is promising to fix a temperature problem at the Palisades Recreation Center.

News 4 December 13 – Maryland lawmakers are calling for more state funding for early childhood education

News 4 December 13 – new survey suggests that obesity in children isn't only caused by what they eat but also by where they eat

News 4 December 15 – movie review of Disney feature in theaters this weekend

News 4 December 18 – Salvation Army's Toyland toy drive kicked off this morning

News 4 December 21 – the Sixth District Police Station held a holiday party for the children from Wards 6 and 7

News 4 December 26 - report of the death of School House Rock cartoon co-creator Thomas Yohe

II. Transportation

News 4 October 2 – The district's department of public works is promising commuters they won't face a repeat of this morning's headache on the Key Bridge.

News 4 October 2, 3 – The Supreme Court will not stand in the way of a new Wilson Bridge. Congress could vote as soon as tomorrow to approve additional federal funding to replace the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Also in order to build this bridge some buildings are going to come down. Lawmakers from Virginia and Maryland say the federal government will pick up an additional 600 million dollars to help pay for a brand new Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

News 4 October 2 – Federal workers in our area now have a new incentive to take public transportation. The government will cover up to 65 dollars per month of commuting expenses for its employees.

News 4 October 2 – Authorities in Prince George's County are investigating a collision between a car and a freight train that left a 44-year-old man in serious condition.

News 4 October 3 – A motorcycle accident killed a police officer with the department of natural resources today.

News 4 October 5 – The construction at the mixing bowl in Springfield has caused a lot of problems for commuters, but it's turning into a tremendous opportunity for the Virginia Railway Express.

News 4 October 6 – Federal funding for the construction of a new Wilson Bridge is just a signature away from being final.

News 4 October 6 – An American Airline's jet was forced to make an emergency landing today after the cockpit filled with smoke.

News 4 October 9 – District and federal officials will soon be considering a new plan to tear down the Southeast-Southwest freeway.

News 4 October 9 – U.S. park police are investigating a fatal accident in Laurel early this morning.

News 4 October 11 – Several firefighters were injured tonight when their fire-truck was involved in an accident in the district.

News 4 October 11 – A dramatic accident in Rockville tonight. A CSX freight train hit a metro bus and slit the bus in half.

News 4 October 12 – Five D.C. police officers are recovering from the injuries they suffered in a traffic pile-up this morning in Southeast, Washington.

News 4 October 13 – The metro is making some improvements to the garage at the Franconia-Springfield metro station.

News 4 October 13 – Today a federal appeals court here in Washington rejected a request from Mohammad Al Fayed to obtain secret documents relating to the crash that killed his son and Princess Diana.

News 4 October 13 – Police in Montgomery County is investigating an accident that seriously injured five young men over-night.

News 4 October 17 – Because of the violence in Israel the state department is warning people about traveling in the country.

News 4 October 17 – A tentative agreement has been reached in a transit strike that has had the Los Angeles area in a strange-hold for the past month.

News 4 October 17 – The Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan died in a plane crash that went down last night south of St. Louis.

News 4 October 18 – Amtrak's new high-speed train service between Washington and Boston will begin December 11, 2000.

News 4 October 18 – There's been talk of trying to solve some of the area's transportation problems by building a new bridge across the Potomac to connect Maryland and Virginia.

News 4 October 18 – A metro-bus driver has been charged with not setting the emergency brake after an accident this morning in Arlington.

News 4 October 19 – Police in the district plan to crackdown on illegal parking during the morning and evening rush hours.

News 4 October 19 – The investigation into the crash that killed Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan on Monday is moving into its next phase.

News 4 October 20 – Investigators in Great Britain now say that it appears a high-speed train derailment was caused by a broken rail.

News 4 October 20 – There was a groundbreaking of sorts today for the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Crews began dredging underneath the bridge this morning.

News 4 November 1 – Aviation investigators are trying to find out what caused yesterday's plane crash on a runway in Taiwan.

News 4 November 1 – State Police in Virginia are investigating the series of events that led to a deadly car crash in Stafford county that killed three teenagers last night.

News 4 November 2,3 – At least 65 people were killed and dozens are missing after the crash of a Singapore Airlines jetliner during takeoff today. Information on this accident reveals that 81 people were killed and at least 23 of them were Americans. A Singapore airline is now accepting responsibility for the crash that killed 81 people in Taiwan on Tuesday.

News 4 November 2 – Virginia State Police are trying to find out what caused a school bus crash that injured forty children.

News 4 November 2 – Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore says he has a plan to alleviate traffic jams caused by accidents on the Capital Beltway and I-95.

News 4 November 9 – Prince George's County police are investigating a terrible accident that killed several people last night.

News 4 November 9 – Some members of the Montgomery County council are urging Maryland State lawmakers to substantially increase the fine for running red lights.

News 4 November 10 – An investigation is underway into a car accident that claimed the life of a Prince George's County police officer.

News 4 November 13 – Construction of five new stations on metro's green line has just ended. The stations are scheduled to open in January.

News 4 November 13 – A local company says it has a new and high tech way to lay fiber-optic cables without tearing up city streets.

News 4 November 14 – Eighteen business groups in Northern Virginia are banding together to try to find solutions to traffic gridlock in the area.

News 4 November 14 – The search for a small plane that's been missing since Thursday night has expanded into Southern and Western Virginia.

News 4 November 14 – A fatal accident at a road construction site left traffic in downtown Washington snarled for more than two hours this morning.

News 4 November 14 – A business coalition is developing in Northern Virginia to address to region's traffic crisis. The coalition is called the Northern Virginia Transportation compact.

News 4 November 15 – There's more talk tonight about the possibility of building a new bridge over the Potomac River to connect Virginia and Maryland.

News 4 November 16 – Amtrak says the Acela Express can reach speeds of 150 miles-per-hour compared to 125 miles for the fastest conventional trains.

News 4 November 17 – United Airlines has launched a hike in airfares just in time for the holiday season.

News 4 November 20 – An American Airlines jet was forced to make an emergency landing in Miami today and a crew member was killed as the plane was landing.

News 4 November 20 – As least 13 cars were involved in two separate crashes on the 11th Street Bridge.

News 4 November 24 – Virginia state police say speed and alcohol may have been involved in a deadly accident on 3-95.

News 4 November 22 – Metro officials say train riders are in for a smoother trip when the system re-opens tomorrow morning. For the first time since March of last year Metro trains will be operating on autopilot.

News 4 November 29 – Amtrak believes its faster service will lure away some airline passengers who use shuttle flights on the northeast corridor so the railway is also instituting a frequent rider program. The first tickets for this train went on sale today.

News 4 November 30 – Investigators from the national transportation safety board are trying to find out why an American Airlines jet had to make an emergency landing.

News 4 November 30 – One student is dead and several others are injured after their school bus overturned in Kentucky this morning.

News 4 December 1 – A woman is in critical condition tonight after she was hit by a truck delivering gas to a station.

News 4 December 4- Delta airlines had to cancel more flights today because pilots are refusing to work overtime.

News 4 December 4- A mom who was arrested and jailed because she and her kids were not wearing seatbelts took her case to the Supreme Court today.

News 4 December 4- Some Prince George's County residents are blaming a deadly intersection for the deaths of two pedestrians in College Park this morning.

News 4 December 6- Nine children from Capitol Hill Day School are in good condition after being hurt in a school bus accident in Southeast DC.

News 4 December 6- Security guards are testing a carbon dioxide detector that will make their jobs much easier.

News 4 December 7- Governor Parris Glendening unveiled a new 750 million dollar plan to boost public transportation.

News 4 December 7- President Clinton issued an executive order to make the Air Traffic Organization become a part of the Federal Aviation Administration.

News 4 December 8- Fairfax County Police are investigating an accident that killed 69 year-old Chong Yi of Falls Church.

News 4 December 11- Police in Montgomery County are looking for the driver of a 1990's model burgundy Ford after a pair of hit-and-run accidents this weekend.

News 4 December 12- A six-year-old boy is hospitalized in critical condition after being injured in a car accident in Hillandale, Maryland.

News 4 December 12- Montgomery County launched a new campaign to improve safety at crosswalks.

News 4 December 12- Virginia's panel on transportation is planning to introduce legislation that would allow the region to hold a referendum on November on a sales tax increase for transportation.

News 4 December 12- The Marine Corps grounded the Osprey aircraft following a fatal crash last night.

News 4 December 12- Amtrak's new high-speed train, the Acela Express made its maiden voyage from Union Station to Boston yesterday.

News 4 December 12- Students from Kingview Middle School in Germantown were involved in two separate school bus accidents on the way home from school.

News 4 December 13- NTSB released a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder from the Alaska Airlines flight 2-61.

News 4 December 13- Passengers on a flight bound for Miami were shuttled on and off a Northwest Airline plane three times over nine hours due to the plane's mechanical difficulties.

News 4 December 13- Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore was asked to accept a cabinet position in the Bush administration. Today, Gilmore is launching a new effort to get state roads and highways built faster and more efficiently.

News 4 December 14- Cynthia Luther, a Nevada woman lost her lawsuit against Southwest Airlines.

News 4 December 14- A truck driver smashed through a highway overpass wall near Atlanta today after suffering from a heart attack. Firefighters found the truck driver dead inside.

News 4 December 16- This morning, a school bus accident in the District injured 9 children.

News 4 December 18- Yesterday, a Panamanian Cruise ship sunk off the coast of Virginia beach.

News 4 December 18- Chad Bonvillain, also known as "Bronco Bob" saves a man's life moments before his truck's cab went up in flames.

News 4 December 18- White House spokesman Jake Siewert was questioned whether or not President's Clinton's limousine will display the new DC license plate "taxation without representation."

News 4 December 19- A European Company is launching a new plan to build the world's largest passenger plane.

News 4 December 19- The General Assembly in Annapolis has to approve stiffer fines to reduce the number of people that continue to run red lights.

News 4 December 20- Today, a school bus parked in front of Bancroft Elementary School was hit by a car. Two students and a bus attendant were taken to the hospital.

News 4 December 21- Around 1:30 this morning, a CSX Freight train jumped the tracks. The train derailment spilled sulfuric acid in to the Schuylkill River.

News 4 December 22- Airport officials estimate that 55 thousand travelers passed through Reagan National airport today.

News 4 December 26- Eric Dennis, a valet driver at a restaurant in Atlanta, refused to give a couple that had too much to drink the keys to drive home.

Dennis drove the couple home and was rewarded by them with a 1989 Volvo Station Wagon.

III. Health

News 4 October 2 – A new study suggests smoking may lead to depression in teenagers.

News 4 October 2 – Maryland health officials say four more dead cows have tested positive for the West Nile Virus.

News 4 October 2 – A new study suggests that laughing on the job may be good for your career.

News 4 October 2 – The Meatpacking Company from Virginia will have to pay 12.6 million dollars in fines for polluting a river with wastewater discharges from two pork-processing plants.

News 4 October 3 – A test-tube baby has been created in order to save the life of his sister.

News 4 October 3 – As the flu season nears a nationwide shortage of the flu vaccine means a delay in shipments.

News 4 October 3 – A new study in the Journal of the American Medical Association finds that giving a flu shot to a child I day-care could help their brothers and sisters stay well.

News 4 October 3 – Shady Grove Adventist Hospital has regained its standing in the eyes of a national agency that oversees health care facilities.

News 4 October 4 – The Supreme Court heard arguments today on the issue of whether hospitals can test pregnant women for drug use and then inform police of the results.

News 4 October 4, 5 – Health officials in the district say it may be only a matter of time until they're forced to begin spraying for the West Nile Virus. Four more dead crows have tested positive for the West Nile Disease. There have also been for dead crows found in the area carrying the disease.

News 4 October 5 – A counselor who works in the “before and after school” program in the district has been diagnosed with legionnaires disease.

News 4 October 5 – The American Heart Association has released some new guidelines designed to make it less confusing to choose a heart-healthy diet.

News 4 October 6 – In the District, health officials are going through with a plan to eradicate mosquitoes in the areas where two crows that tested positive for the virus were found.

News 4 October 6 – American women will have a new choice in contraception by the end of the year.

News 4 October 6 – The state of Maryland is making contingency plans for this winter's flu season.

News 4 October 9 – Some residents in Southeast Washington are saying no to a new drug treatment center in their neighborhood.

News 4 October 9 – Officials in the District say spraying to kill mosquitoes that may carry the West Nile Virus could start as early as this week.

News 4 October 11 – Another dead cow found in the District has tested positive for the West Nile Virus. Spraying of mosquitoes that can carry the West Nile Virus is being planned for two areas in Montgomery County.

News 4 October 11 – People in Washington, Arlington, and parts of Falls Church will soon see changes in their drinking water.

News 4 October 11 – Several jurisdictions throughout the metro area are preparing to spray pesticides to kill mosquitoes that can carry the West Nile Virus.

News 4 October 11 – A new study shows that a drug that is used to treat people in the advanced stages of MS may actually help prevent or delay the disease in patients who are at risk of developing it.

News 4 October 11 – A new study from the Mayo Clinic suggests a link between some birth control pills and breast cancer.

News 4 October 11,18– More birds infected with the West Nile Virus has been found in the area—one more in the district—bringing the total to three. And 11 more in Maryland, bringing the total to 32. Health officials in Maryland are preparing to spray more neighborhoods with pesticide tonight in an effort to curb the spread of the West Nile Virus.

News 4 October 17 – A study in the journal of the American Medical Association suggests that the screening tests for colorectal cancer are well worth the discomfort and cost.

News 4 October 17 – Authorities in Prince George's county are going to spray for mosquitoes tomorrow night in the Chapel Oaks neighborhood.

News 4 October 18 – Doctors are reporting success in a groundbreaking transplant. A six-year-old girl received blood from her infant brother in an effort to help her create bone marrow. The son was conceived to help his sister survive.

News 4 October 19 – Researchers say they have discovered an enzyme in blood that could be a key in identifying people who are at risk for heart attacks.

News 4 October 19 – The Arlington school board is considering a proposal to allow high school students to sleep a little longer. A committee says the delayed opening will improve the health and concentration of sleep-deprived teenagers.

News 4 October 20,23– For the first time, a case of the West Nile Virus has been reported in Prince George's County. Mosquito control crews are scheduled to return to Prince George's County this week, to fight the West Nile Virus.

News 4 October 24 – A new study out says that despite the nations prosperity, there are still many people who can not afford health care.

News 4 October 25 – If this is the time when you usually get your flu shot you may have to wait because there is a nationwide shortage of the flu vaccine this year.

News 4 October 25 – Talks between striking nurses and the Washington Hospital Center are scheduled to resume early next month.

News 4 November 1 – New research seems to discount a mind-body connection between your emotions and heart disease.

News 4 November 1 – Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan is in Howard University Hospital tonight for surgery to treat complications from radiation therapy.

News 4 November 1 – Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is in the hospital after suffering a heart attack.

News 4 November 1 – JFK's sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver is in critical condition after undergoing surgery to remove a benign pancreatic tumor.

News 4 November 1 – Talks between striking nurses and the Washington Hospital Center is scheduled to resume early next month.

News 4 November 2 – For the first time a case of the West Nile Virus has been reported in Northern Virginia.

News 4 November 3,6 – NBC news has learned that the food and drug administration may ask drug companies to stop selling over-the-counter cold medicines and diet pills that have ingredients that might be causing strokes.

The government issued a warning about the drug phenylpropanolamine that is commonly found in cold medicines and appetite suppressants.

News 4 November 6 – Medical costs account for more than one trillion dollars in the nation's economy.

News 4 November 10 – A new high-tech device that can show you what's happening inside your body, in more detail than ever before.

News 4 November 13 – Researches are saying that those that exercise extensively on the weekends but, fail to exercise during the week are no better of than those that exercise a ½ hr a day.

News 4 November 16 – Vaccines to fight cancer are the cutting edge in the research to cure many forms of that deadly disease.

News 4 November 22 – Thousands of people who live in the District do not have any health insurance. And with the future of D.C. General in doubt access to health care is a major problem for the city.

News 4 November 28 – As many as 35 percent of us have some type of allergy.

News 4 November 28 – New research shows that men listen with only half their brains.

News 4 November 29 – Once thought to be a very rare condition, doctors now say Celiac affects thousands, maybe even millions of Americans.

News 4 December 1 – Today is World AIDS Day, while there is some good news in fighting the disease the epidemic shows on sign of slowing down.

News 4 December 1 – The morning after pill may be easier to get if one panel gets its way.

News 4 December 4 – Eunice Kennedy Shriver is said to be showing significant improvement and is expected to make a full recovery from a post-operation infection.

News 4 December 4 – Former President George Bush is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery tomorrow at the Mayo clinic in Minnesota.

News 4 December 4 – The D.C. control board took steps today to try to save D.C. General Hospital.

News 4 December 5 – Mammograms have become a crucial tool in detecting breast cancer.

News 4 December 5 – Millions of workers who push or lift heavy objects wear back belts in an effort to prevent back injuries.

News 4 December 5 – Two organizations are calling for an AIDS vaccine that can be given to young people before they become sexually active.

News 4 December 5 – A new drug is proving to be remarkably effective in-patients in the early stages of C-M leukemia.

News 4 December 5 – Today on Capital Hill house lawmakers looked into allegations that accutane can trigger serious depression and even suicide.

News 4 December 5 – Researchers have established a link between smoking a colon cancer deaths.

News 4 December 6 – A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that women who undergo tubal ligation are no more likely to develop menstrual problems than women who are not.

News 4 December 8 – Veteran Congressman, Julian Dixon died this morning at a hospital in California of a heart attack.

News 4 December 12 – Today, 85 year-old, William Rudolph Hearst had a stroke and died in a New York hospital.

News 4 December 12 – Concerned that they may have been exposed to the disease through a substitute teacher, students at six schools will be screened for Tuberculosis.

News 4 December 14 – Antonio and his wife, Maria Parlavecchio, were indicted for smuggling Antonio's sperm out of a prison in Pennsylvania.

News 4 December 14– The Equal Opportunity Employment Commission ruled that it is against the law for many health insurance companies to exclude coverage for contraception.

News 4 December 14 – Edmond Pope, the American businessman was pardoned by Russian president, Vladimir Putin.

News 4 December 15 – A Federal Panel is advising that Estrogen be placed on the nation's lists of cancer-causing substances.

News 4 December 19 – Researchers from the American Health Foundation say it does not appear that cell phones cause brain tumors.

News 4 December 20 – Researchers say a vaccine to prevent the Alzheimer's disease is working well in animal studies.

News 4 December 21– A worldwide shortage of nurses and midwives is reaching crisis proportions.

News 4 December 21 – Some people are turning to the ancient Chinese art of acupuncture to ease their cold and flu symptoms.

News 4 December 22– A new type of collagen called Cymetra can be used to reduce wrinkles.

News 4 December 26 – A new study finds that angioplasty can be more effective treatment for heart attacks than clot-dissolving drugs.

News 4 December 26 – A study finds that children in many states are exempt from receiving vaccinations based on religious reasons.

News 4 December 26 – Doctors say certain prescription drugs can trigger Arrhythmia.

IV. Politics

News 4 October 2 – The issue of term limits for county council members and the county executive stirred up some heated debate tonight.

News 4 October 2 – Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an effort to stop the escalating violence.

News 4 October 2,3 – The presidential candidates are preparing for their first debate, which will take place in Boston tomorrow. An estimated 75-million people are expected to watch tonight's debate.

News 4 October 2 – Al Gore has assembled a team of citizen advisors and tomorrow his focus will be on the people.

News 4 October 2 – A famous wrestler is inviting the presidential candidates to debate on the world wrestling federations "smackdown" show.

News 4 October 2 – At a riverfront park rally, Bush criticized Al Gore's support for tapping into the nation's oil reserves and said the Clinton administration fears coal as a way to relieve energy problems.

News 4 October 2 – A lawsuit was filed today to block the proposed WWII Memorial on the Mall.

News 4 October 2,3 – The President is clinging to hopes of reviving the Mideast Peace talks despite the violence. About 100 people are protesting U.S. policy in the Middle East outside the Israeli Embassy here in Washington. A tentative cease-fire in the Middle East lasted barely half a day before new violence threatened hopes of reviving the peace process.

News 4 October 4 – Vice President Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush spent this day after their first debate campaigning in battleground states.

News 4 October 4 – Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have been meeting in Paris with the French President, the U.N. Secretary General and Secretary of State Madeline Albright.

News 4 October 5 – One of the most powerful members of congress is being sanctioned by the House ethics committee.

News 4 October 5 – The news media museum known as the “Newseum” took an important legal step today toward re-locating from Rosslyn to downtown Washington.

News 4 October 5 – The Vice Presidential candidates got their turn to debate tonight.

News 4 October 6 – The demonstrators in Yugoslavia have gotten what they wanted. Slobodan Milosevic today finally conceded to opposition leader Vojislav Kostunica.

News 4 October 6 – The preliminary ratings results indicate that at least 25 million people watched last night’s Vice President debate.

News 4 October 9 – New York senate candidates Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio faced off for their second debate last night.

News 4 October 9 – For the first time in a general election, Virginia voters have had the opportunity to register without setting foot in a voter registration office and some election officials believe that’s helped boost voter registration totals.

News 4 October 9 – Election Day is about four weeks from now and time is running out to register to vote.

News 4 October 9 – For the presidential candidates today was a day of preparation for the debate in two days.

News 4 October 9 – Some members of the Jewish and Palestinian-American communities in our area are closely monitoring developments in the Middle East.

News 4 October 9 – The deadline was set two days ago by the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. He gave the Palestinians an ultimatum saying the violence must stop by tonight or Israel would abandon the peace process and there would be a tougher military response.
tober 11 – Bush spent part of today campaigning in Gore’s home state of Tennessee.

News 4 October 11 – Presidential rivals George W. Bush and Al Gore are getting ready for their second debate. The debate will take place tomorrow in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

News 4 October 11 – The United States plans to take action to show its support for the new president of Yugoslavia.

News 4 October 11 – The Supreme Court also agreed to review a case that could have a huge impact on campaign financing.

News 4 October 11 – In Winston-Salem, North Carolina last minute preparations for tomorrow night’s debate are underway.

News 4 October 11 – George W. Bush spent part of the day on Gore’s home turf. He made a stop in Tennessee on his way to North Carolina for tomorrow’s debate.

News 4 October 11 – Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore is in Florida tonight, the home state of his rival's brother.

News 4 October 11 – Fairfax County election officials have been instructed by the State to put a stop to the practice of accepting voter registration forms by fax.

News 4 October 11 – With less than a month before the presidential election, Fairfax County says it faces a critical shortage of Election officers.

News 4 October 11 – Late this afternoon, President Clinton officially normalized trade relations with China.

News 4 October 12 – The violence between the Israelis and Palestinians reached a new level today and some fear the two sides are on the brink of war.

News 4 October 12 – President Clinton has ordered American flags to be lowered to half-staff at public buildings and military installations to show respect for the sailors killed in today's bombing.

News 4 October 12 – The poll shows that incumbent senator Paul Sarbanes continues to hold a commanding lead over his republican challenger, Paul Rappaport.

News 4 October 12 – Education has become the defining issue in the Virginia Senate race between incumbent democrat Chuck Robb and his republican challenger, former governor George Allen.

News 4 October 12 – Tonight, D.C. council members are calling for a review of how the city's troubled recreation department is spending tens of thousands of dollars on out-of-town trips.

News 4 October 12 – About 100 people from three Arab-American groups sponsored a protest outside the state department. They say the state department should do more to stop the violence on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

News 4 October 12 – There was a massive rally in support of Israel today in New York City outside the Israeli consulate.

News 4 October 12 – Israeli forces fired rockets at the Palestinian positions in the West Bank town of Ramallah today in retaliation for the beating and lynching of 2 Israeli soldiers.

News 4 October 13 – South Korean President Kim Dae Jung received a noble peace prize for his work in South Korea and East Asia.

News 4 October 13 – The Navy now says as many as 17 soldiers were killed when a blast tore through the Cole.

News 4 October 13 – There were competing rallies today outside the White House, one by Arab Americans, the other by Jewish Americans. Their view of the conflict is vastly different, but their goal today the same: to get the presidents attention.

News 4 October 17 – The last televised debate for the senate race in Virginia will be held this week.

News 4 October 17 – The emergency Mideast summit has ended with both sides agreeing to publicly urge an end to the violence, but there was no formal, written cease fire agreement.

News 4 October 17 – Robert Newman is the city's top recreation official. Today, he acknowledged that thousands of dollars spent on out of town trips was spent improperly.

News 4 October 17 – The presidential election is now three weeks away. Tonight voters got one more look side-by-side comparison of Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush.

News 4 October 20 – Today was the most violent day of fighting between Israelis and Palestinians.

News 4 October 18 – The district's department of recreation and its director Robert Newman have been charged with using the departments funds to pay for two expensive business trips.

News 4 October 18 – The race for Maryland's fourth congressional district has become very personal. The wife of incumbent Albert Wynn has joined the campaign of her husbands challenger, and she's airing out dirty laundry as the couple goes through a bitter divorce.

News 4 October 18 – Independent counsel Robert Ray released his final report on the White House travel office firings today.

News 4 October 18 – City leaders have unveiled their next strategy to obtain voting rights in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia.

News 4 October 19 – The presidential candidates are jabbing at each other as they campaign in some key battleground states.

News 4 October 20 – An international team of divers arrived today at the Berents Sea at the site of Russia's sunken nuclear submarine. Divers will begin to look for the remains of 118 sailors.

News 4 October 23 – President Clinton is urging the Israelis and Palestinians to try and stop the fighting.

News 4 October 23 – Officials in the district are searching for a new person to head the D.C. Parks and Recreation Department.

News 4 October 23 – U.S. troops in Turkey and the Persian Gulf are on a heightened state of alert tonight. An official with the department of defense says there have been new indications of terrorist threats in the region.

News 4 October 23 – Former Governor George Allen and Senator Chuck Robb had their final debate last night.

News 4 October 24 – Some residents of a local community are trying to implement one of the toughest smoking bans in the country.

News 4 October 24 – Several members of the D.C. council say they're not satisfied with city recreation services and they say the resignation of embattled director Robert Newman won't end their criticism.

News 4 October 24 – There is a proposal on the ballot in California that would dramatically change the way the legal system deals with some people convicted on drug charges.

News 4 October 24 – The widow of late Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan may be asked to serve in the Senate if the late governor wins next months election.

News 4 October 25 – The new interim director of the D.C. recreation department is promising to get the department back on track.

News 4 October 25 – Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wrapped up her historic North Korean trip with a visit to South Korea today.

News 4 October 25 – A group of environmental activists are taking on Vice President Al Gore for what they call failed promise.

News 4 November 1 – 200 years ago today the White House became the official residence of the President of the United States.

News 4 November 1 – There is more bloodshed in the Middle East even as efforts are underway to arrange new, high-level peace talks.

News 4 November 1 – Forget the national polls, what matters is the big states that can still go either way and the must-win states.

News 4 November 1 – Castro and Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez took time out from political talks to participate in a game between their countries teams.

News 4 November 1 – In Madrid Spain, three people are dead and 35 others are injured in an apparent terrorist attack by a separatist group.

News 4 November 1 – The Israeli government is promising to bring the shooter of two Israeli guards to justice.

News 4 November 1 – Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is making another appeal to Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat.

News 4 November 1 – President Clinton and Republican leaders have their differences over a 240 billion-dollar tax cut package.

News 4 November 1 – D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams is making no formal endorsement or any campaign efforts in this year's hotly contested race for school board president.

News 4 November 1 – In Yugoslavia, tens of thousands of people are getting ready for this weekends elections in Kosovo.

News 4 November 1 – Israeli soldiers are on high alert after a suicide bombing near an Army outpost in the Gaza Strip today.

News 4 November 1 – Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wrapped up her historic North Korean trip with a visit to South Korea today.

News 4 November 1 – A group of environmental activists are taking on Vice President Al Gore for what they call a failed promise.

News 4 November 1 – Public radio station WAMU is facing questions tonight over its airing of political commercials.

News 4 November 1 – Another major newspaper in Virginia has decided not to endorse either Robb or Allen in the senate race.

News 4 November 2 – Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush confirmed a report that he was arrested for drunken driving 24 years ago.

News 4 November 2 – With less than two weeks to go before the presidential election, the candidates are doing some intense campaigning in key states.

News 4 November 2 – American troops in two more Persian Gulf nations are now at the highest state of alert against terrorist attacks.

News 4 November 2 – Election officials in several states are warning voters about prank emails.

News 4 November 2 – Less than one week to the presidential election and the race is still too close to call.

News 4 November 3 – Republican challenger George Allen and Democratic incumbent Chuck Robb both cite a strong national defense as a priority and to that end, both say they'll seek increased funding.

News 4 November 3 – At least two Palestinians were shot to death today and dozens of others were wounded in clashes with Israeli troops.

News 4 November 3 – There is word tonight that President Clinton is set to hold separate mideast peace talks next week.

News 4 November 3 – George W. Bush's driving record is prompting a response from one of the nation's best-known organizations Mothers Against Drunk Driving- and other professionals who study alcohol issues.

News 4 November 3 – Bush has admitted that he has made mistakes in the past, but he has learned from them.

News 4 November 3 – Vice President Al Gore campaigned in his home state of Tennessee tonight.

News 4 November 6 – In the unlikely, but possible event of an electoral tie, congress would decide the election. The new House of Representatives would pick the president and the new senate would pick the vice president, but that wouldn't happen until January.

News 4 November 6 – The Robb campaign says turnout is the key. They believe that women and African American voters can and will insure a third term.

News 4 November 6 – Ahead in this campaign for months—the Allen campaign now has to sweat this race out.

News 4 November 6 – Healthcare is a very important issue to voters right now and both candidates are promising to make big changes.

News 4 November 7 – Election workers are reporting a heavy turnout today. Some people waited up to two hours to vote in certain area of the district.

News 4 November 7 – This night continues to be one of the most exciting election nights in recent American history.

News 4 November 7 – Allen beat incumbent Chuck Robb in the race for VA senate. In conceding the race to Allen, senator Robb thanked his supporters and said he was grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the commonwealth for nearly a quarter century.

News 4 November 8 – Senator-elect George Allen got down to business today, preparing for his new role in the United States Senate.

News 4 November 8 – First Lady Hillary Rodman Clinton won election to the New York Senate and made history by becoming the first president's wife to win elected office.

News 4 November 8 – The election could have shifted the balance of power in congress, but republicans were able to retain the narrowest margin of control in both chambers.

News 4 November 8 – The Washington Post did something it hasn't done in five years, it printed an afternoon edition with the headline "Presidential cliffhanger awaits Florida recount."

News 4 November 8 – President Clinton commented briefly today on the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the election.

News 4 November 8 – The close national vote is focusing renewed attention and some criticism on the Electoral College system of electing a president.

News 4 November 8 – It is official and the results state that Ronnie Few is now the district's fire chief.

News 4 November 9 – For whoever becomes president transition is critical.

News 4 November 9 – Florida's re-count raises yet another question concerning the Electoral College. There is no federal law that requires members of the Electoral College to follow the popular vote, but D.C. and 25 states do have such laws.

News 4 November 9 – Wayne Curry, the county executive in Prince George's County, is speaking out for the first time about several controversial issues facing his administration.

News 4 November 9 – There is new fallout tonight to the television networks' early calls of the presidential race in Florida.

News 4 November 9 – Both sides in the presidential fight for Florida are anxious not to risk appearing as sore political losers while taking every political advantage possible.

News 4 November 9 – Many voters in Florida have been protesting the results of the election.

News 4 November 10 – Newspapers in this country used their editorial pages this morning to warn both candidates about the danger of placing self-interest before the national interest.

News 4 November 10 – The constitution says one man one vote. If that vote is denied because of an illegal ballot, it could be grounds to challenge the election results in court, and may even prompt a new election.

News 4 November 10 – More lawsuits are being filed in Palm Beach challenging ballots that some say caused them to vote for Pat Buchanan when they intended to vote for Vice President Al Gore.

News 4 November 13 – Today was the orientation day for the freshman class of congress.

News 4 November 13 – It's unclear how much all this post-election legal wrangling will cost, but it's an expense that no one predicted a week ago.

News 4 November 13 – The outcome of this election is of special interest to hundreds of Washington area businesses that will help stage the Inauguration and its balls and parties.

News 4 November 13 – The democrats suffered a setback when Florida's secretary of state refused to extend the deadline for the re-count past five o'clock tomorrow night.

News 4 November 13 – The unsettled presidential election is having an effect on Capitol Hill. The lame duck session of Congress that was planned for this week will be put off until December 5th.

News 4 November 14 – The internal revenue service say more than 1900 taxpayers in Virginia have refunds coming to them that they haven't collected.

News 4 November 14 – President Clinton is in the Brunei for the annual Asia Pacific Summit.

News 4 November 14 – The congressional Black Caucus is jumping into the election ballot battle.

News 4 November 14 – Just about an hour ago, Palm Beach County's canvassing board voted to make the deadline and certify its election results.

News 4 November 14 – Here in the district, a group of law students from various schools marched in support of voters wanting a recount in Florida.

News 4 November 14 – Legal complaints about the Florida election are not limited to the countries re-counting ballots.

News 4 November 14 – India says it has captured a Pakistani spy within its borders.

News 4 November 14 – Congress made an extraordinary exception to its rules and passed the D.C. budget for this year.

News 4 November 14 – A spokesperson for Florida's top election official says she will consider vote counts that are reported after the deadline, but there is no word on what criteria she will use to decide whether to accept them.

News 4 November 15 – President Clinton is in Brunei at the annual Asian-Pacific economic summit, which is also called APEC.

News 4 November 15 – Palestinians are marking the 12th anniversary of their declaration of independence.

News 4 November 16 – Now more than a week after the election, public opinion polls still show Americans are tolerating the delay in naming a winner.

News 4 November 16 – As the legal battle continues Vice President Al Gore is making himself much more visible as he fights the public relations game with George W. Bush.

News 4 November 17 – President Clinton is midway through his historic trip to Vietnam. Clinton acknowledged the painful history between the two countries, but praised a new era of trade and improved relations.

News 4 November 17 – A new poll from NBC news and the Wall Street Journal suggests that most Americans have not lost their patience with the recounting process.

News 4 November 17 – George Allen, senator-elect from Virginia, said it's time for all political leaders to moderate their tone so that the country can move beyond this historic partisan split.

News 4 November 20 – In Peru President Alberto Fujimori submitted his resignation a few hours ago. His resignation ends ten years of iron-fisted rule.

News 4 November 20 – The rocket attack was in retaliation for a bomb attack on a school bus earlier in the day on the Gaza Strip.

News 4 November 20 – The court is deciding whether the ballots being counted by hand must be accepted in the final vote count.

News 4 November 23 – Al Gore's lawyers filed papers asking the U.S. Supreme Court to deny George Bush's request that it bar the use of hand-counted ballots in Florida.

News 4 November 22 – Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Dick Cheney suffered a slight heart attack.

News 4 November 22 – The nation of Peru has a new interim president, whose name is Valentin Paniagua. He will lead a caretaker government until a new president is chosen in elections next year.

News 4 November 24 – Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is in Russia to talk about the situation in the middle east and during his visit the peace process may have taken a step forward.

News 4 November 27 – D.C. delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton was in Florida over the weekend as a democratic observer of the re-count.

News 4 November 27 – The continued legal challenge means the official Presidential transition process is still on hold and the General Services Administration says the election outcome is too unclear.

News 4 November 29 – A judge in Florida has ordered more than one million ballots be taken from South Florida to the State Capital.

News 4 November 29 – the NAACP says it will file lawsuits in connection with the presidential election in Florida.

News 4 November 30- Due to all the fighting in Israel the city of Bethlehem will not receive the tourism that it is use to during the holiday season.

News 4 November 30 – Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is offering a sweeping peace plan, one that would recognize a Palestinian State in hopes of bringing an end to the violence there.

News 4 November 30 – History will be made tomorrow when the Supreme Court hears arguments regarding the unresolved presidential election.

News 4 December 4– House republicans charged that the GSA's refusal to turn over transition money and office space will be a setback to the next president.

News 4 December 4- The nation's highest court said it was unclear what reasoning the state justices used in granting Al Gore's request for the recounts.

News 4 December 4 – A prime suspect in the bombing of the USS Cole is in custody in Jordan.

News 4 December 4 – Some former Presidential transition chiefs told the panel today that the loss of this critical transition time could result in a much bigger delay in truly getting the next presidency started.

News 4 December 5 – This was orientation day on Capital Hill for the 11 new senators, including Virginia Republican George Allen.

News 4 December 5 – Senator Strom Thurmond turned 98 years old today, and he celebrated at work on the Senate floor.

News 4 December 5 – The United States will be sending extra personnel to the Persian Gulf to improve security at ports.

News 4 December 5 – Prosecutors preparing a possible obstruction and perjury case against President Clinton are expected to question former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

News 4 December 5 – The Florida State Supreme Court agreed to hear Gore's appeal of a Leon County Judge's ruling yesterday.

News 4 December 5 – Vice President Al Gore says he is still optimistic that he can win the White House despite a major legal setback in a Florida courtroom yesterday.

News 4 December 6 – 13 women have been elected to serve in the US Senate.

News 4 December 6 – The first nails on the stage set for the swearing in ceremony, which will take place on January 20th, were hammered in by Republican senator Mitch McConnell and Democratic senator Chris Dodd.

News 4 December 6 – Four spending bills for fiscal year 2000 still have not been resolved.

News 4 December 6 – Texas Governor, George w. Bush, held talks with his choice for National Security Advisor- Condoleezza Rice.

News 4 December 6 – Prosecutors in Yemen say they are preparing to file charges against as many as six men in connection with the attack in the USS Cole.

News 4 December 6 – Edmond Pope, an American businessman, was convicted of espionage and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

News 4 December 6 – Tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day, the anniversary of the US's entrance into World War II.

News 4 December 7 – Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met today with the families of Israelis who have been killed in the Middle East.

News 4 December 7 – Today, marked the 59th anniversary that Japanese Naval Air Forces attacked the US Navy Base at Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

News 4 December 7 – Florida Justices have to explain the legal authority they used to order recounts and extend the deadline for certifying the vote.

News 4 December 8 – Tonight, the Monocle is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

News 4 December 8 – With a visit to Nebraska, Mr. Clinton has now visited all 50 states during his tenure.

News 4 December 11 – US Congressman Asa Hutchison of Arkansas addressed the Florida legislature today.

News 4 December 12 – In Florida, the Republican controlled house approved 25 electors pledged to George W. Bush.

News 4 December 12 – The Florida State Supreme Court ruled against voters, who asked for 25 thousand disputed ballots be thrown out.

News 4 December 13 – Reverend Jessie Jackson held a rally in Tallahassee today to blast the decision not to allow a recount of Florida's votes.

News 4 December 13 – The Bush administration has set up a temporary transition office in McLean, Virginia.

News 4 December 14 – Today, DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey say his department is ready for protestor during the Inauguration.

News 4 December 14 – The Washington Baltimore proposal for the 2012 Olympics was shipped to the US Olympic Committee today.

News 4 December 14 – The FBI is working with the Senate to expedite security clearances for federal appointees who have to be confirmed by the Senate.

News 4 December 15 – City officials report that serious budget cuts are not likely; however, the most pressing budget problem remains DC General Hospital.

News 4 December 15 – DC Mayor, Anthony Williams has to submit a plan to lay off 500 DC General Hospital workers.

News 4 December 15 – Mr. Bush has chosen Texas Supreme Court Justice Al Gonzales as his White House Counsel.

News 4 December 15 – One Electoral College Representative, Bob Young is being bombarded with e-mails from people who are unhappy that George W. Bush won.

News 4 December 15 – Democrats in the General Assembly have asked Governor Jim Gilmore to do away with punch-card ballot machines.

News 4 December 15 – The communications between Cuba and the United States has been cut for the second time in two years.

News 4 December 16 – The Dow Jones Industrial average tumbled some 240 points to close at just under ten -thousand 435.

News 4 December 18 – Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore is promoting a plan that could allow the next phase of the car tax cut to take effect.

News 4 December 18 – More than 330 people have been killed in an ongoing violence between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian protestors.

News 4 December 18 – The National Intelligence Council released a report that says the United States is facing a greater risk today of being attacked than ever before.

News 4 December 18 – Earlier today, Israeli's parliament approved a bill that will allow Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to run for Prime Minister once again.

News 4 December 18 – Randolph Hearst died today of a heart attack.

News 4 December 18 – Bush secured the majority of the electoral college votes.

News 4 December 18 – Bush's wife, Laura, went to the white House to have tea with First Lady and Senator-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton.

News 4 December 19 – The council are voting to partially lift the ban on nude dancing clubs downtown.

News 4 December 19 – Secretary of State Designate Colin Powell wants to attract more minorities to the Foreign Service.

News 4 December 20 – President-elect George W. Bush today announced four more Cabinet nominations.

News 4 December 20 – This afternoon, Mr. Bush and Vice president Al Gore met to talk about foreign policy issues and the economy.

News 4 December 20 – Ads are being placed around the Districts, and opponents say they are like billboards and will clutter the landscape of the Nation's Capitol.

News 4 December 21 – The DC government closed a 100 million dollar real estate deal that will move the Newseum downtown.

News 4 December 21 – The Bush Presidential Inaugural Committee is introducing itself to the media today.

News 4 December 21 – President Clinton has signed a 450 billion dollar budget toward education and health care today. This is the final budget deal of Clinton's presidency.

News 4 December 22 – President-elect Bush's limousine will soon be sporting one of those DC license tags that decry the city's lack of voting rights in congress.

News 4 December 26 – President-elect George W. Bush arrived in Florida for a brief family vacation.

V. Crime and Violence

News 4 October 2 – Police in the District say they still have no motive and no suspects in the beating to death of a student at Gallaudet University.

News 4 October 2 – Police are trafficking the Internet and have been averaging about 200 arrests and convictions a year involving Internet child pornography.

News 4 October 2 – A Virginia Beach woman who abandoned her three children in a public library will not have to go to jail.

News 4 October 2 – Two members of the Clinton administration made a public call today for Congress to do more to protect women from violence.

News 4 October 2 – Authorities in Fairfax County spent this day searching for an apparent drowning victim in Lake Barcroft.

News 4 October 3 – The man who shot and killed John Lennon has been denied parole.

News 4 October 3 – A 13-year-old boy from Prince George's County could spend the next eight years in a juvenile detention center for making pipe bombs.

News 4 October 3 – Two senior citizens in Wisconsin have been busted on drug charges.

News 4 October 4 – Agents with the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms are helping police in Prince George's County investigate a robbery at a gun shop.

News 4 October 4 – The center to prevent handgun violence here in Washington has joined a lawsuit in connection with the murder of a school teacher in Florida.

News 4 October 5 – Two of the world's most respected auction houses have now admitted to a price-fixing scheme.

News 4 October 5 – Police in the district are looking for a suspect in the sexual assault of a city worker.

News 4 October 5 – The man charged with the murder of 8-year-old Kevin Shifflett was in court today.

News 4 October 5, 6, 9 – Former suspect, in the murder of a student of Gallaudet University, Thomas Minch is no longer allowed on campus. Police in the district have now assigned a team of investigators to look into the murder of a student at Gallaudet University. A memorial service was held at the campus today for Eric Plunkett, the university student that was murdered. Police now believe that more than one person might have been involved in this murder.

News 4 October 5 – If you have had your drivers' license revoked or suspended in Charles County you are required to check in regularly with a parole officer in Waldorf.

News 4 October 5 – D.C. Police are looking for a 14-year-old boy suspected of sexually assaulting a D.C. health services employee at gunpoint.

News 4 October 6 – Police in the district are looking for a 14-year-old boy they say may have been involved in two sexual assault cases in Northern Washington.

News 4 October 6 – A bill is pressuring states to make the standard for determining drunk driving to be a blood alcohol content of .08. If states do this they will receive more federal highway aid.

News 4 October 9 – A man who killed a convenience store clerk in Fairfax County is scheduled to be put to death tomorrow.

News 4 October 9 – An 83-year-old man from the District who had been reported missing more than a month ago has been found dead.

News 4 October 11 – A television producer was held hostage for four hours today by a convicted killer she was interviewing for a court TV program.

News 4 October 11 – A man who shot and killed a convenience store clerk in Fairfax County was executed tonight.

News 4 October 11 – Three men are under arrest in connection with a robbery last Wednesday at a gun shop in College Park.

News 4 October 11 – Investigators are searching for clues tonight into a deadly shooting outside the Landover Mall.

News 4 October 11 – A man who was walking along the train tracks in Laurel, Maryland was struck and killed by a commuter train this evening.

News 4 October 11 – Investigators today returned to the home in Olney, Maryland where the body of a 75-year-old woman was found last Thursday.

News 4 October 11 – The police chief of Frederick, Maryland has been suspended. Allegations have been made that he ordered an illegal investigation of the head of the country's NAACP.

News 4 October 11 – Fourteen people are seeking 750 thousand dollars in damages from the Prince George's County and its police department.

News 4 October 11 – A new study out says that kids are more likely to be the victim of a crime during the hours immediately after school.

News 4 October 11 – A taxi driver is listed in serious condition at the Prince George's Hospital Center tonight after a hit and run accident that left his passenger dead.

News 4 October 11 – Prince George's County police have arrested three suspects in a daylight gun shop robbery.

News 4 October 12 – A former Montgomery County Schoolteacher has agreed to plead guilty to the sex charges involving one of her students.

News 4 October 12 – In the wake of the suspected terrorist attack and the Middle East violence the D.C. police department sent a citywide teletype to all its stations this evening, warning officers to be on alert for any suspicious activities.

News 4 October 12, 15, 18, 25 – At least five sailors were killed and more than 30 injured when a blast ripped a hole in the U.S.S. Cole. In the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole 17 sailors were killed and 39 were injured. Authorities in Yemen say they are making progress in the investigation into the attack on the Cole. Authorities have reportedly detained two people in connection with the attack on the U.S.S. Cole.

News 4 October 12 – The man charged with killing 8-year-old Kevin Shifflett was in court today.

News 4 October 12 – An investigation is underway to try to determine why a burglary-suspect who had been in the custody of D.C. police died.

News 4 October 12 – In Montgomery County, police say a woman was carjacked then sexually assaulted after she dropped her child off at school this morning.

News 4 October 13 – Police in Montgomery County are still searching for a man who raped a woman yesterday in Germantown.

News 4 October 17 – Investigators in Great Britain are looking into the cause of a fatal train crash and say they can NOT rule out terrorism.

News 4 October 17- Police in Fairfax County are investigating a report of an attempted abduction of a teenaged girl.

News 4 October 17 – Ruth Ann Aron was officially released from the custody of the Montgomery County detention center yesterday.

News 4 October 17 – Police in the district are looking for two men they say are responsible for a string of violent purse snatchings.

News 4 October 18 – The police chief of Frederick, Maryland is denying charges that he misused his police authority.

News 4 October 18 – The state department is issuing a warning about potential terrorist attacks against Americans.

News 4 October 19 – D.C. police are asking for help to find a murder suspect accused of killing his former girlfriend in Northeast Washington.

News 4 October 20 – Police are investigating one of the biggest embezzlement cases in the history of Fairfax County.

News 4 October 20 – A judge in Georgia has come up with a creative way to encourage speeders to slow down.

News 4 October 20 – A 38-year-old father from Reston is under arrest tonight. He is accused of critically injuring his two-year-old daughter.

News 4 October 20 – A grand jury cleared two police officers from Prince George's County of any wrongdoing in the sudden death of a suspect.

News 4 October 20 – A teenager from Germantown is in jail tonight charged with the violent attack of a mother.

News 4 October 23 – Police in Fairfax County are intensifying their search for a man they say sexually assaulted an 8-year-old girl.

News 4 October 23 – Prince Jones was shot to death last month by an undercover police officer from Prince George's County. The shooting happened in Fairfax County. Today, the commonwealth's attorney for Fairfax County announced the officer's actions were justified and that no criminal charges would be filed against him.

News 4 October 23 – Montgomery County Police are searching for the suspect in a deadly shooting in Germantown, Maryland.

News 4 October 24 – Attorneys for the family of Prince Jones say they are considering whether to file a civil suit against the country and the officer involved in the shooting.

News 4 October 24 – Police in Montgomery County are still searching for the killer of a popular maintenance worker.

News 4 October 24 – A third midshipman from the naval academy has now been charged with raping a female student.

News 4 October 24 – Police in Prince George's County are investigating a possible hate crime.

News 4 October 24 – Montgomery County Police are searching for a hit-and-run driver in a deadly pedestrian accident in the Aspen Hill section of Silver Spring, Maryland.

News 4 October 25, November 1 – The teenager charged in the shooting at the national zoo will not go on trial. The 17-year-old has agreed to plead guilty to those charges.

News 4 October 25- A district judge has dismissed all charges against four people accused of vandalizing a historic cemetery in Northeast D.C.

News 4 October 25 – The reward for information leading to the killer of a popular maintenance worker from Germantown, Maryland is now 11,000 dollars.

News 4 November 1 – Anger and passion collide today as students from Howard University demand to be heard regarding the case of Prince Jones.

News 4 November 1 – Fairfax County police have charged a 15-year-old girl with filing a false report after concluding she made-up a story about being abducted.

News 4 November 1 – The parents of 8-year-old Kevin Shifflet took part in a dedication ceremony in Alexandria honoring their son that had been murdered.

News 4 November 1 – Two men have been arrested for robbing a teenager of his new Sony Playstation last week in Prince William County.

News 4 November 1 – The mother of the man shot and killed by an undercover Prince George's County Police Officer is speaking out for the first time since the announcement that the officer will not be charged in the case.

News 4 November 1 – A federal jury in Greenbelt, Maryland returned a verdict against Prince George's County for civil rights violations.

News 4 November 1 – In Loudoun County one of two women accused of running over a sheriff's deputy yesterday has surrendered.

News 4 November 1 – A federal jury has recommended the death penalty for Dustin John Higgs of Laurel, Maryland. He's one of the defendants in the triple murder that happened back in 1996 in Beltsville.

News 4 November 1 – A district judge has dismissed all charges against four people accused of vandalizing a historic cemetery in Northeast D.C.

News 4 November 1, 2 – Funeral arrangements for trooper Toatley have been completed. There will be a viewing at Ruck Funeral Home in Baltimore tomorrow. The 37-year-old trooper was killed doing more than some might expect from his job description and is being remembered by his fellow officers as a fallen hero.

News 4 November 2 – An attorney from Northern Virginia was sentenced today, after pleading guilty in connection with a high profile hit-and-run case.

News 4 November 2 – The bodies of a man, woman, and two children were found shot to death at a home in Herndon.

News 4 November 2 – Police in Northern Virginia think they may have the man responsible for a series of attacks on children.

News 4 November 2 – A Montgomery County minister is in jail tonight on drug charges.

News 4 November 2 – Microsoft is taking steps to reassure its customers tonight following a break-in of its computer network by hackers.

News 4 November 2 – Eric Van-Nederynan was shot to death on a bike path in Loudoun County last month. The person suspected of killing him died today during a shoot out with police in New Jersey.

News 4 November 2 – Earlier this year a man charged with the murder in Prince George's County was released from jail after DNA test results cleared his name.

News 4 November 2 – In Prince George's County inmates who feel they've been wrongly convicted in a murder or sex offense case will soon have a new option.

News 4 November 2 – A teenager from Prince George's County, who sources say, planned to take pipe bombs to school was sentenced today.

News 4 November 2 – The justice department has confirmed that it is launching a civil rights investigation into the entire Prince George's County police department.

News 4 November 2 – The Navy says the remaining crewmembers from the U.S.S. Cole are expected to arrive at the Norfolk Naval Air Station tomorrow.

News 4 November 3 – Police are investigating a case of grave desecration at a confederate cemetery.

News 4 November 3 – The mayor of Frederick announced today that he will re-instate police Chief Regis Raffenger.

News 4 November 3 – Police now confirm that it was a case of murder-suicide that claimed the lives of four members of the same family in Herdon, Virginia yesterday.

News 4 November 3 – The suspicious death of a 75-year-old woman whose body was found inside her home in Olney, Maryland has now been ruled a homicide.

News 4 November 3 – The police in Fairfax County are asking for the public's help tonight as they investigate the sexual assault of an eight-year-old girl.

News 4 November 6 – The body of a worker trapped in a collapsed tunnel at Dulles airport has finally been recovered.

News 4 November 6 – A D.C. police officer is under arrest and charged with rape.

News 4 November 6 – In Columbia, Maryland police are searching for clues in the murder of a 14-year-old girl.

News 4 November 6 – Virginia state police have arrested the teenaged driver involved in a deadly car accident in Stafford County on Halloween night.

News 4 November 8 – Garrett Wilson is serving a life sentence in Montgomery County for killing his five month old son.

News 4 November 8 – Police in the district are trying to determine the identity of a woman who was found murdered early yesterday morning.

News 4 November 9 – Assault charges were dropped today against Redskins lineman Dana Stubblefield.

News 4 November 9 – Gregory Murphy, the man accused of killing Kevin Shifflett, will have a hearing on Thursday to determine whether he is mentally competent to stand trial.

News 4 November 9 – Richard Spicknall pleaded guilty to killing his children and this plea may keep him from receiving the death penalty.

News 4 November 10 – Police in Prince George's County are warning women about a possible serial rapist.

News 4 November 10 – There are several new developments tonight in the case of a woman whose body was found mutilated near an elementary school in Northwest D.C.

News 4 November 13 – On Maryland's eastern shore, Richard Spicknall was sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing his two young children.

News 4 November 13 – 49-year-old Allen Rother is charged with the murder and mutilating his girlfriend and then dumping her body in the district last week.

News 4 November 13 – The justices will clarify when police officers can be held legally responsible for using excessive force during arrest.

News 4 November 13- The man hunt for Kofi Orleans-Lindsay, accused of killing a state trooper, ended when he was found in New York City.

News 4 November 13 – Police say a knife that may have been used to kill a teenager in Columbia, Maryland has been found and is being tested for evidence.

News 4 November 14 – Howard County police investigating the murder of a teenaged girl hope information turned over by America Online will lead to a break in the case. AOL gave police the name, email, and billing records of the person who used the screen name "SODA-CAN-21"

News 4 November 14 – A woman from the district has been charged with murder in connection with the death of a toddler.

News 4 November 15 – Police in Prince George's County are investigating an apparent homicide in the Silver Hill area.

News 4 November 15 – U.S. park police are looking for a man suspected of exposing himself to students from Alice Deal Junior High School here in the district.

News 4 November 16 – The state of Maryland is trying to extend new protection to the victims of domestic violence.

News 4 November 16 – Richard Spicknall was sentenced on Monday to life in prison without parole.

News 4 November 17 – a 15-year-old boy from Hawaii is in custody for hiding on planes and flying for free three times between Hawaii and California before he was caught.

News 4 November 17 – A man from Alexandria, Virginia is in jail tonight, accused of trying to hire someone to kill his pregnant wife.

News 4 November 20 – Steven Handy is accused of trying to hire a hitman to kill his pregnant wife in Wisconsin.

News 4 November 20 – Fairfax County Police are investigating an armed robbery at a home daycare center.

News 4 November 20 – A boy's body was found on a ball-field, one day after a mother reported her son was missing.

News 4 November 20 – A teenager from the district is under arrest tonight. He is facing charges stemming from two separate sexual assaults.

News 4 November 20 – There were tough words tonight from the chief of police in Prince George's County. The chief made comments as he unveiled plans to try and improve the relationship between the police department and the community.

News 4 November 22 – In Frederick, Maryland the prosecutor says there's preliminary evidence that the child who was killed earlier this week also was sexually assaulted.

News 4 November 22 – The son of the Vice President Al Gore entered a guilty plea for speeding in North Carolina today.

News 4 November 22 – At least two people were killed and 25 were wounded in an explosion that came after Israeli troops killed a local Palestinian militia commander at a checkpoint near Gaza.

News 4 November 23 – A Rockville city police officer is in serious condition tonight after being stabbed while trying to break up a fight earlier this morning.

News 4 November 23 – A police officer from Prince William County was killed in the line of duty ten years ago and today he was remembered by his family and department.

News 4 November 23 – Three men are facing attempted murder charges tonight in connection with the stabbing of an off-duty Rockville city police officer.

News 4 November 27 – Police in Fairfax County have arrested a man accused of soliciting sex from a minor over the Internet.

News 4 November 27 – Police in the district are investigating a robbery that ended in gunfire tonight.

News 4 November 27 – Actor Robert Downey Junior is free on bond tonight after another run-in with drugs and the law.

News 4 November 28 – In Baltimore police shot and killed a man after a chase down Interstate 95.

News 4 November 29 – The confessed hitwoman in a murder for hire trial took the witness stand today.

News 4 November 29 – An investigation into a hotel fire in Prince George's County has now turned into a murder investigation.

News 4 November 29 – Police in Howard County say speed may have been a factor in an accident that killed two teenaged sisters.

News 4 November 30 – A man from Springfield, Virginia is accused of using an Internet auction site to steal thousands of dollars.

News 4 November 30 – A couple of lawmakers in Maryland are pushing for a new bill to abolish early parole for violent and repeat offenders.

News 4 November 30 – Sheriff's deputies are planning to heavily guard murder suspect Gregory Murphy tomorrow, when he undergoes testing at a local hospital.

News 4 December 4 – A woman in Alabama was sentenced to 13 years in prison today for killing a woman in a case of road rage.

News 4 December 4 – The prosecution wrapped up and the defense began presenting its case at the trial of Dean Pantazes who is accused of hiring a hit woman to kill his wife.

News 4 December 4 – An eleven-year-old boy from Prince George's County is recovering from a gunshot wound. Police say he was shot accidentally by his five-year-old brother.

News 4 December 4 – District police are still searching for the gunman who escaped capture following a robbery at a Georgetown clothing store.

News 4 December 5 – The mother of the man shot and killed by the Prince George's County police officer has filed a lawsuit against the county.

News 4 December 5 – With less than two thousand dollars left, Alexandria's Crime Solver Unit says, it has to quit offering rewards.

News 4 December 5 – Police in Fairfax County are looking for two men suspected of abducting a woman near an ATM and then sexually assaulting her.

News 4 December 5 – A multi-million dollar civil lawsuit has been filed against Prince George's County Police.

News 4 December 6 – Virginia car salesman is being held without bond tonight, accused of sexually assaulting a woman while she was test driving a car

News 4 December 8- police in Alexandria, VA are asking for help in solving a string of residential burglaries.

News 4 December 11 – police in Prince William County, VA, are investigating a suspected shoplifting spree at Potomac Mills mall.

News 4 December 15 – DC Police are asking for help to find a hit-and-run driver who seriously injured an elderly woman on December 6th.

News 4 December 18 – investigators in the case of the 17-year old boy accused of posing as a doctor say they believe the teenager intercepted pages meant for doctors at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

News 4 December 21 – Two Montgomery County School teachers have been arrested in two separate incidents of child abuse

News 4 December 21- hit-and-run suspect is under arrest after leading police from three Maryland counties on a car chase

News 4 December 22 – deadly violence in the Middle East today included a suicide bombing in the West Bank.

News 4 December 26 – a manhunt is underway in Texas for a band of escaped convicts who are now accused of murder.

VI. Education

News 4 October 3 – NBC4 and Telemundo Channel 64 teamed up and are marking Hispanic Heritage month with an essay contest.

News 4 October 3 – D.C. public schools are launching a new program in cooperation with the challenger center for space science education. The idea is to get more children interested in math, science, and technology.

News 4 October 11 – The address of the D.C. government web site is www.washintondc.gov. Citizens are encouraged to submit questions about D.C. schools or any other government matters.

News 4 October 12 – D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams unveiled new plans today for McKinley High School in Northeast Washington. He says it will become a top-flight technology school.

News 4 October 13 – School officials in Montgomery County announced today that an elementary school teacher violated testing procedures when students were given standardized tests during the school year.

News 4 October 17 – This is Teach for America week. It is a time to focus on a nationwide corps of hundreds of young teachers who are working in under-resourced public schools all over the country.

News 4 October 20 – School officials in Fairfax County say they are nearing an emergency situation when it comes to the condition and space of schools. Today they revealed a plan to guide the county in the years ahead.

News 4 October 25 – In Virginia the number of schools that earned full accreditation based on the standards of learning tests more than tripled last year.

News 4 November 1 – Virginia's attorney general is promising to defend Virginia's minute of silence law all the way to the Supreme Court.

News 4 November 1 – Students at Largo High School staged a walkout today, to protest the removal of a popular vice principal.

News 4 November 1 – In Fairfax County the percentage of fully accredited schools jumped from 43% to 57%.

News 4 November 2 – A fire that forced students to evacuate from their high school turned into a student protest.

News 4 November 2 – Demetrio Perez wants to run for a school board seat in Miami, but a judge ruled he couldn't because he does not live within the district.

News 4 November 9 – A sharecropper's daughter was named president of Brown University today. Ruth Simmons becomes the first African-American to lead an Ivy League school.

News 4 November 8 – Peggy Cooper Cafritz is the new president of D.C.'s school board.

News 4 November 10 – Kennedy High School is the only school in Montgomery County that honors veterans on veterans day with a yearly assembly.

News 4 November 13 – The lab school of Washington will honor four well-known Americans tonight including outspoken democratic consultant James Carville. The school founder, Sally Smith, believes in showing kids by example, that learning disabilities are not a stumbling block to success.

News 4 November 14 – State education standards will not keep some 200 Fairfax County High School Seniors from graduating as was feared.

News 4 November 17 – Peggy Cooper Cafritz is the district's new school board president. Today, she visited her first school in her new role and what she found was both educational and enlightening.

News 4 November 21 – The advisory committee set out to determine whether the SOL test is a reliable measure of student performance. Their view—The test is a valid tool, but the conclusion still doesn't reassure some SOL skeptics.

News 4 November 29 – Fairfax County school officials outlined the short-term plan for students whose school was destroyed by a fire.

News 4 November 30 – Students at Howard University have the technology referred to as the wireless web. This state of the art technology is allowing students to roam the campus and still stay connected.

News 4 December 1 – In Virginia, Lawmakers are proposing a sweeping change to allow convicted felons to gain access to DNA testing of evidence.

News 4 December 1 – A man from Springfield, Virginia is facing fraud charges for allegedly failing to deliver goods he sold on an online auction.

News 4 December 1 – The man accused of killing eight-year-old Kevin Shifflett was scheduled to undergo court-ordered medical tests today, but the suspect refused.

News 4 December 1 – Kofi Orleans-Lindsay, the man accused of killing a Maryland state trooper, appeared in court in Washington this morning.

News 4 December 4 – Students from Dogwood Elementary School in Reston, which was destroyed by a fire last Monday, are back in school. The 580 students have been reassigned to eight different schools in the area.

News 4 December 5 – The scores have been tallied on the latest round of international math and science tests and America's school children were rated as "average".

News 4 December 6 – Today, America Online and the Maryland Department of Education announced a new partnership with Maryland's public and private schools. They have agreed to provide free e-mail to all the schools in the state.

News 4 December 7 – Yesterday, Virginia published last spring's test questions on the internet with hopes to help students who struggle with the state's standards of learning tests.

News 4 December 7 – Jerry Weast, the superintendent of Montgomery County Schools is proposing a 1.3 billion dollar budget to reduce class sizes and expand the all-day kindergarten program.

News 4 December 7 – After the holiday break, Dogwood students will attend classes at just two schools instead of being divided among several schools, while groundbreaking plans continue for the new Dogwood Elementary School.

News 4 December 7 – Today, Virginia's Governor, Jim Gilmore, announced plans to provide scholarships for those who do best on the Standards of Learning tests. Gilmore is also willing to provide scholarships for needy and deserving students.

News 4 December 21 – Financial offers from St. Mary’s College and other colleges are coming through for 63 of DC high school seniors that were promised full scholarships.

News 4 December 22 – Today, the U.S. Department donated lots of computers to Birney Elementary school in Southeast D.C.

News 4 December 26 – Today, John Koshkinen is the Deputy Mayor in the District. Known as the Y2K czar, Koshkinen spent two years directing Y2K planning in the United States.

VII. Environment

News 4 October 4 – A conservation group is filing a lawsuit to stop construction of a new Wilson bridge. The national wilderness institute says the project threatens the Bald Eagle, Potomac River Sturgeon and other wildlife.

News 4 November 1 – Five people are dead after a severe storm ripped across parts of Europe today.

News 4 November 3,6 – Authorities say that fires in the Shenandoah National Park have more than doubled in size over two days. Hundreds of firefighters—many from other parts of the country—are working to contain the wildfires that continue to burn in the Shanandoah National Park.

News 4 November 8 – The state of Maryland has been dealt a setback in a dispute with Fairfax County that involves the Potomac River.

News 4 November 10 – The weather was so windy today that several trees fell in the district.

News 4 November 14 – With the visions of new parks, retail shops and new housing, top district officials and business leaders unveiled a new plan to boost the city’s reviving downtown business corridor.

News 4 November 17 – Authorities in Montgomery County say it is too soon to tell whether a fuel spill near Rock Creek will cause any serious environmental damage.

News 4 November 21 – Buffalo, New York got over two feet of snow making roads quickly impassable. Thousands of children had to spend the night in their schools or day care centers.

News 4 November 27 – More soil samples were taken from the campus of American University in Northwest Washington today to determine the extent of contamination from WWI chemical weapons.

News 4 December 4 – President Clinton has created a new coral reef preserve off Hawaii. It’s the largest protected area ever created in the U.S., bigger than Florida and Georgia combined.

News 4 December 4 – Researchers say photos of Mars suggest that the planet once was a land of lakes.

News 4 December 5 – Montgomery County officials are still working to repair a water main break that caused major flooding in Silver Spring.

News 4 December 7 – Sections of U.S. Route 66 will be used in an exhibit in the Smithsonian's Museum of American History called "America on the Move."

News 4 December 5 – Even the people of Buffalo have a limit to how much snow they can handle. So far this year, they have had almost five feet of snow.

News 4 December 5 – The Montgomery County Council approved a ban that prohibits smoking in parks, sidewalks and grassy areas maintained by Friendship Heights Village.

News 4 December 6 – Today, the District is promises to fix the furnace at the Palisades Recreation Center.

News 4 December 7 – In Kazakhstan, a man presumed as dead, regained consciousness and rose naked from the ground.

News 4 December 8 – This morning, one person was killed and twenty other people suffered from minor injuries when an apartment collapsed in Los Angeles.

News 4 December 12 – High winds from a mid-west storm grounded airline flights in New York City and knocked out power as far east as Massachusetts.

News 4 December 14 – Heavy snow is being blamed for a partial roof collapse at a shopping mall in Canada that injured one woman.

News 4 December 14 – In Alexandria, 1500 people lost their power when a tree cracked under the ice and took out three power poles.

News 4 December 18 – Pepco says a cable line faulted and caused last night's underground fire in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Northwest Washington. As a result, two dorms at George Washington University were evacuated.

News 4 December 20 – City officials of Nashua, New Hampshire want to purchase a snow-making machine so that the hills will be kept in good sledding condition all winter.

News 4 December 21 – The Clinton Administration approved new regulations aimed at cutting pollution trucks and buses.

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News 4 December 21 – Nearly 30 years after billboards were banned in the city, outdoor ads are making a come back as "special signs."

News 4 December 21 –The District Government closed a 100 million-dollar deal to bring the Newseum to Washington.

News 4 December 22 – The Department of Interior turned over Kingman and Heritage islands to the District for restoration. Mayor Williams says they will become nothing more than hiking and biking trails.

News 4 December 25 – Today, a partial solar eclipse was seen around mid-day.

News 4 December 26 – A bush fire in southern California sent smoke billowing over an area filled with-multi million dollar homes. None of the homes were damaged and no evacuations were ordered.

News 4 December 26 – The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission says that 35-50 water main pipes are bursting every day due to the cold weather.

News 4 December 26 – The Chinese Government is ordering a major crackdown on unlicensed and unsafe dance halls following a fire at a disco that killed over 300 people.

VIII. Consumer

News 4 October 5 – The Verizon phone company is being sued in California.

News 4 October 5 - There are troubles tonight for the popular website priceline.com. It will no longer have gas or groceries available for bidding on its' site.

News 4 October 6 – A chemist from the University of California has invented odor free socks.

News 4 October 6 – An Internet company is marketing a mousepad designed to make finding your favorite websites a lot easier

News 4 October 6 – Neighborhood activists in the Northeast D.C. are celebrating victory after having vanquished the prospect of a 700 plus foot TV tower in Tenleytown.

News 4 October 6 – The energy department released its predictions today for home heating costs this winter and it expects that it will cost an average of 190-240 dollars more this year to heat your home.

News 4 October 9 – European regulators say they will decide this week whether to approve a proposed merger between America Online and Time Warner.

News 4 October 9 – The Ford Motor Company has been blaming Firestone for the higher than usual incidence of tire-related troubles, but a new report suggests that the car itself may bear some of the blame.

News 4 October 11 – Construction on television tower in Northwest Washington has stopped, but the flight over the tower isn't over.

News 4 October 11 – The top executive of the Firestone tire company tendered his resignation today.

News 4 October 11 – There are new developments tonight in the dispute over a huge communications tower in the Tenleytown area of Northwest Washington.

News 4 October 11 – Thousands of District residents having trouble making ends meet are getting a little help today with their utility bills.

News 4 October 12 – The effects of the escalating violence in the middle east were felt sharply on Wall Street today.

News 4 October 13 – There are new problems for the Ford Motor Company. It was hit with a nationwide class action lawsuit today over alleged problems with ignition devices.

News 4 October 13 – The Century Products Company is recalling four million infant-car-seats that double as carriers. Century says the car seats have defective handles that could break and throw the baby on the ground.

News 4 October 17 – Faulty Firestone tires are now blamed for 119 deaths in the United States.

News 4 October 18 – The Dow Jones Industrial average closed below the ten thousand mark for the first time since March 14, 2000.

News 4 October 18 – People who receive social security benefits will be getting more money in the mail next year because of a cost of living increase.

News 4 October 20 – Consumers who call airlines and ask for the lowest fare must be told that the best deals may only be available on the airlines web site.

News 4 October 23 – The world's largest on-line services provider is expanding and our area will reap the benefits. American Online says it's building a new 555-million dollar technology center in Prince William County.

News 4 October 24 – Since the 1960's it has been illegal in Massachusetts to give someone a tattoo unless you are a medical doctor, but yesterday a judge in Boston ruled that the law was unconstitutional. He suggested the state would be better served by licensing and regulating the tattoo industry.

News 4 October 24 – The federal government for the third straight year is posting a government surplus.

News 4 November 1 – The Beatles first official website will be launched on November 13 and will be called "the-beatles.com".

News 4 November 1 – Executives from Time Warner Cable and Disney-ABC Cable rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. The companies agreed to offer the Disney Channel as part of Time Warner's standard cable television service.

News 4 November 1 – Playstation Two's arrival has been eagerly anticipated, but retailers are only getting a few of them and that means long lines and lots of disappointed people.

News 4 November 13 – Today the independent postal rate commission approved a one-cent hike in the cost of the standard first class stamp. The hike to 34 cents is expected to take place in January after the holiday mailing rush.

News 4 November 14 – Every year the toy makers send us their best and brightest for the new season. Tonight a close look at plush animals.

News 4 November 14 – Isuzu motors is recalling more than 18-thousand 2000 and 2001 trooper models after crash tests showed the vehicles leaked fuel.

News 4 November 14 – As the drama over the election recount continues in Florida, the Internet is full of commentary and cartoons gathered from major newspapers across the country.

News 4 November 14 – District government and civic leaders today unveiled a new development plan to ensure that more housing is part of the city's downtown business boom.

News 4 November 14 – Privacy is a big concern for people using the Internet. Sending an unprotected email is like sending a postcard through the regular mail. And web sites can track where you go on the Internet.

News 4 November 14 – Some heated words tonight as cable TV customers in Montgomery County sounded off about problems they've had with their cable provider.

News 4 November 16 – NBC4.com joins the list of portals, websites you can choose to set as your homepage. This is a starting point where you'll find most of what you're looking for.

News 4 November 17 – A gigantic new mall opened in our area today, just in time for the holiday season. The Arundel Mills Mall is located at the intersections of route 100 and route 295 in Anne Arundel County.

News 4 November 20 – A French court issued a landmark ruling today that could set a precedent for enforcing national laws on the Internet. The court ordered Yahoo to block its French users from using Yahoo auction sites that sell Nazi memorabilia.

News 4 November 20 – There is a new law regarding tobacco in Montgomery County. All tobacco products sold in stores must be kept behind the counter.

News 4 November 21 – Two consumer groups have released their annual list of the nation's top consumer complaints. The biggest single consumer complaint is connected to home improvement services, followed by auto sales, household goods, and auto repairs.

News 4 November 24 – In Virginia, Santa Claus helped kick off the start of the holiday shopping season.

News 4 November 24 – Today, marked the annual day that people started shopping for the holidays.

News 4 November 24 – Lottery officials are hoping people will give up a little holiday cash in hopes of winning a lot of holiday cash.

News 4 November 27 – Today Microsoft took the next step in its bid to keep the company together. Attorneys for the software giant filed a brief in the Federal Appeals Court here in Washington.

News 4 November 27 – Officials in Montgomery County are taking steps to make sure kids don't get unsafe toys this holiday season.

News 4 November 27 – More than one million infant and toddler high chairs are being recalled because they may cause injury to children.

News 4 November 28 – Fourteen workers in New Mexico lab are the country's newest millionaires. They bought the sole winning ticket to the 130-million dollar Powerball.

News 4 November 28 – A lot of new phones now have technology that makes it easier to see the numbers on the display and some phones can even play back your music.

News 4 November 28 – State Farm is the nation's largest automobile insurer. The company plans to start offering discounts of up to 40 percent to customers who drive what State Farm says are the safest vehicles.

News 4 November 30 – D.C. officials say the city is in crisis when it comes to affordable housing

News 4 November 30 – Tech markets took a big hit today bringing down the DOW and the NASDAQ.

News 4 December 4 – The consumer product safety commission and small-small world are recalling 60,000 plush rabbit toys with the Boyd Collection Label.

News 4 December 5 –RIO and Nike have teamed up in marketing portable mp3 music to the fitness crowd.

News 4 December 5 – Stocks went through the roof today on Wall Street. The Dow Jones Industrial Average shot up 338 points, that's the third largest point gain in history.

News 4 December 6 – Yesterday, a federal judge in California upheld Razor's patent rights. They are the makers of the ultra-popular Razor Scooters.

News 4 December 7 – A company called "Enjewel" says it is producing a line of sterling silver jewelry in honor of election 2000.

News 4 December 7 – The Giant Grocery store is opening a new chain of stores called "Freshgo."

News 4 December 8 – TSR Wireless' filed for bankruptcy.

News 4 December 12 – State energy officials say natural gas prices are likely to be twice as high as last year.

News 4 December 12 – GM officials say they are phasing out of the Oldsmobile name plate after being unable to find a way to make the brand successful.

News 4 December 12 – The Consumer product safety Commission warned parent about the “dangerous dozen” -the complete list toys you must take away from your children are.

News 4 December 14 – Darryl Baird has hit the lottery for the second time. Three years ago, he won 25 thousand dollars and this time he really hit it big. Baird won 4.2 million dollars.

News 4 December 14 – The FTC approved the deal that allows internet service providers other than AOL to use Time Warner’s high cable systems to deliver high-speed internet service.

News 4 December 14 – Mayor Anthony Williams pledged over 10 million dollars towards rebuilding the Ledroit Park community.

News 4 December 14 – General Electric has agreed to fix a defective switch on certain dishwashers it manufactured between 1983-1989.

News 4 December 14 – City leaders joined Howard University and Fannie Mae officials to celebrate the completion of a home ownership initiative.

News 4 December 14 – The merger between America Online and Time Warner was approved by government regulators. AOL is paying 109 billion dollars for the communications firm.

News 4 December 15 – Online shopping is expected to increase by about 40 percent this holiday season.

News 4 December 15 – Lawmakers in West Virginia authorized the Greenbrier resort to open a casino- if voters approved.

News 4 December 19 – The Central Bank announced that it is prepared to cut interest rates if necessary to keep the country out of a recession. Also the Federal Reserve announced that interest rates will remain at six and one half percent.

News 4 December 19 – Investigators are blaming the rash of tire failures on faulty design, and manufacturing processes at a Firestone plant in Decatur, Illinois.

News 4 December 19 – Phillip Morris and RJ Reynolds have raised the wholesale price of cigarettes by 14-cents a pack.

News 4 December 19 – An agreement of 30 government bodies including 8 federal agencies to have signs made that will point the way to the District’s city attractions.

News 4 December 20 – Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman unveiled the new standards for growing and processing organic food today at a Fresh Fields store in Northwest D.C.

News 4 December 20 – The proposed merger between US Airways and United Airlines is being challenged by State and Federal Anti-trust regulators.

News 4 December 21 – Washington Gas has asked the Public Service Commission for authority to credit a total of 11.1 million dollars to district residents.

News 4 December 26 – The last week of the year forced stores to open early and offer discounts to entice shoppers to spend more money.

News 4 December 26 – Coca-Cola is getting ready to launch a new plan called “Project Mother.” Coca Cola has researched ways to counteract perceptions that milk is not cool to drink.

News 4 December 26 – This year’s Washington Auto Show features more than 600 new cars, trucks, and SUVs.